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SUBJECT: SHELTON, ROBERT

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Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/24/75

You were previously advised that Robert Shelton, national leader of the white hate United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), had been invited to participate in conference to be held in Paris, France, about 3/23/75 and televised on Paris TV.

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Attached has been disseminated by teletype to ☐ State Department, AAG, Criminal Division (Internal Security), Civil Rights Division and Legat, Paris. ^{b2}

Legat, Paris has been requested to afford appropriate coverage of Shelton's appearance since he has indicated possibility he might contact one of the Arab Embassies in Paris concerning his
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future travel to the Middle East.

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925PM URGENT MARCH 23, 1975 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (157-552)

NEW YORK

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-4650)

ATTENTION: INTD

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, AKA; EM-KLAN. OO:BIRMINGHAM.

A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED ON MARCH 23, 1975, AS FOLLOWS:

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA), A GROUP WHOSE STATED AIMS AND PURPOSES ARE THE PROMOTION OF AMERICANISM, WHITE SUPREMACY, AND SEGREGATION OF THE RACES, WILL DEPART BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, APPROXIMATELY 9:15 A.M., MARCH 24, 1975, VIA DELTA AIRLINES FOR NEW YORK CITY AND PARIS, FRANCE.

SHELTON WILL BE MET AT NEW YORK CITY BY AN UNKNOWN INTERPRETER FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY AND WILL DEPART NEW YORK CITY LATE ON MARCH 24, 1975, FOR PARIS, FRANCE, TO PARTICIPATE IN A 3 HOUR TV PRODUCTION ENTITLED "THE KU KLUX KLAN IN AMERICA". TV SHOW WILL BE AIRED EITHER ON MARCH 25 OR 26, 1975. SHELTON HAS NO PASSPORT, HOWEVER, FRENCH GOVERNMENT WILL FURNISH SPECIAL VISA.

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DEPARTURE OF SHELTON UNEXPECTED AS HE HAD PROBLEMS OBTAINING PASSPORT; HOWEVER, SHELTON RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM FRENCH EMBASSY RELATING INFORMATION RE SPECIAL VISA. SHELTON WILL TRAVEL ALONE ACCOMPANIED ONLY BY INTERPRETER FROM FRENCH EMBASSY AND WILL RETURN TO USA MARCH 27 OR 28, 1975.

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RE BIRMINGHAM NITELS FEBRUARY 26, 1975, AND MARCH 11, 1975.

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BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ^{b7D} LEGAT, PARIS, COVER APPEARANCE OF SHELTON.

FURNISHED NEW YORK FOR INFORMATION.

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1:08 AM SENT MARCH 27, 1975 DLS

NITEL MARCH 26, 1975 WWC

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-552) AND
SACS, BIRMINGHAM (105-560) AND NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-819) (P)

ATTENTION: INTD.

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, AKA; EM-KLAN. OO: BH

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[REDACTED], ENFORCEMENT BRANCH, LEGAL DIVISION, PASSPORT
OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ADVISED SA [REDACTED] THAT
BY TELEGRAM DATED MARCH 25, 1975, AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, ADVISED
DEPARTMENT OF STATE (USDS) THAT SUBJECT SCHEDULED TO APPEAR ON
FRENCH TELEVISION PROGRAM "DOSSIERS DE L'ECRAN," EVENING OF MARCH
25, 1975. AFTER SHOWING OF FILM "STORM WARNING" BY STUART
HETSLEER, SUBJECT WILL PARTICIPATE IN PANEL DISCUSSION ON KU KLUX
KLAN WITH JAMES BLADWIN, DENIS BALDENSBERGER, AUTHOR OF BOOK KU
KLUX KLAN, AND ERNEST GOLDSTEIN, FORMER ADVISER OF PRESIDENT
JOHNSON.

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SUBJECT REPORTED TO HAVE ARRIVED IN FRANCE MARCH 25, BEARING
DOCUMENT VALID FOR ENTRY INTO FRANCE ISSUED BY FRENCH CONSUL
GENERAL IN NEW YORK. DOCUMENT REPORTEDLY VALID FOR TWO DAYS STAY.

EMBASSY ADVISED IT EXPECTS FRENCH TELEVISION WILL SUGGEST TO
SUBJECT THAT HE CONTACT EMBASSY REGARDING HIS IRREGULAR TRAVEL STATUS.

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[REDACTED] ALSO MADE AVAILABLE TELEGRAM FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY
PARIS TO USDS SENT MARCH 26, 1975, IN WHICH EMBASSY REQUESTED PER-
MISSION TO ISSUED RETROACTIVE WAIVER AND TEMPORARY PASSPORT TO b7C
SUBJECT. EMBASSY ADVISED SUBJECT LEFT UNITED STATES FROM NEW YORK
ON A

FRENCH LAISSEZ-PASSER ISSUED FOR TRIP TO FRANCE TO ENABLE HIM TO
PARTICIPATE IN FRENCH TELEVISION PROGRAM ON MARCH 25. SUBJECT
STATES HE DID NOT APPLY FOR UNITED STATES PASSPORT BEFORE LEAVING
UNITED STATES BECAUSE HE DID NOT HAVE A BIRTH CERTIFICATE WITH
HIM IN NEW YORK AND THE TIME REQUIRED TO OBTAIN IT AND THEN THE
PASSPORT WOULD HAVE PREVENTED HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM.
SUBJECT WISHES TO RETURN TO UNITED STATES MARCH 27.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO [REDACTED] DATED b2
MARCH 24, 1975, AND WFO NITEL MARCH 25, 1975.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE INTENDED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE
REPRESENTATIVE AT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING PASSPORT VIOLATION b7C
BY SUBJECT.

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1120 PM NITEL MARCH 25, 1975 WWC

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND

SACS, BIRMINGHAM (105-560) AND NEW YORK (INFO)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-819) (RUC)

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ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, AKA: EM-KLAN. 00:BH

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RECORDS, REVIEWED BY SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON MARCH 25, 1975, DISCLOSE THAT ON MARCH 24, 1975, THE FBI FURNISHED INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, WOULD BE DEPARTING BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA ABOUT 9:15 A.M., MARCH 24, 1975, VIA DELTA AIRLINES FOR NEW YORK AND PARIS, FRANCE. THE FBI ALSO ADVISED THAT THE SUBJECT WOULD BE MET IN NYC BY AN INTERPRETER FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY AND WOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN PARIS IN A THREE-HOUR TELEVISION PRODUCTION ENTITLED, "THE KU KLUX KLAN IN AMERICA." THE FBI ALSO ADVISED THAT SUBJECT HAD NO PASSPORT BUT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PROVIDING HIM WITH SPECIAL FRENCH VISA. SUBJECT WAS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES MARCH 27 OR 28, 1975.

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ON MARCH 24, 1975, THE PASSPORT OFFICE RELAYED THE SUBSTANCE OF THE FOREGOING BY CABLE TO EMBASSY, PARIS, NOTING THAT

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SHELTON WOULD BE TRAVELING WITHOUT A VALID PASSPORT. THE EMBASSY WAS INSTRUCTED NOT TO ISSUE SUBJECT A RETROACTIVE WAIVER WITHOUT THE EXPRESS APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE INFORMED IF ANY INFORMATION COMES TO THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION THAT SUBJECT DOES APPEAR IN FRANCE. THE FILE ALSO SHOWS THAT NO WAIVER WAS TO BE GRANTED TO SUBJECT STATESIDE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE LEGAL DIVISION, PASSPORT OFFICE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DATED MARCH 24, 1975. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RECORDS CITED ABOVE ARE FILES OF PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF STATE. NOTED WFO HAS STOP NOTICE WITH PASSPORT OFFICE SINCE JUNE 25, 1974, REQUESTING THAT WFO BE NOTIFIED IN EVENT TRAVEL INFO RECEIVED. END.

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MESSAGE RELAY

Date 3/24/75Transmit in CODE via teletype the attached PRIORITY message.
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FROM: Director, FBI

FIELD DISSEMINATION

TO: RUEADWW/ ☐ The President

SACS:

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TO DIRECTOR (157-552)

ATLANTA

NEW YORK

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-4650) (P)

ATTENTION: INTD

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON; ~~EM - KLAN. OO, BIRMINGHAM.~~

ON MARCH 24, 1975, [REDACTED] DELTA AIRLINES, b7C
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ADVISED THAT ROBERT SHELTON
DEPARTED BIRMINGHAM VIA DELTA FLIGHT NO. 524 AT 9:15 A.M.,
MARCH 24, 1975, ENROUTE TO NEWYORK CITY AND PARIS, FRANCE. THE
FLIGHT WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT LAGUARDIA AIRPORT, NEW YORK CITY,
AT 12:07 PM AND SHELTON WAS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE KENNEDY AIRPORT
VIA AIR FRANCE FLIGHT NO. 70 AT 7:00 PM, MARCH 24, 1975, EN ROUTE
TO PARIS.

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON IS IMPERIAL WIZARD OF THE UNITED
KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA),
A GROUP WHOSE STATED AIMS AND PURPOSES ARE THE PROMOTION
OF AMERICANISM, WHITE SUPREMACY AND SEGREGATION OF THE RACES.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE, 3-23-75, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE, AND
ATLANTA TELETYPE, 3-24-75, CAPTIONED "NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN; EM - KLAN".

COPIES ARE FURNISHED NEW YORK AND ATLANTA FOR INFORMATION.

UPON SHELTON'S RETURN, INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY
CONCERNING SHELTON'S TRIP WILL BE FURNISHED THE BUREAU.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-552) NR 266-25

FROM LEGAT PARIS (157-329)

ROBERT SHELTON, AKA, EXTREMIST MATTERS - KLAN

RE BIRMINGHAM CABLE TO BUREAU MARCH 11, 1975, CAPTIONED AS
ABOVE AND ATLANTA CABLE TO BUREAU MARCH 10, 1975, CAPTIONED
"NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KLU KLUX KLAN".

FRENCH POLICE ADVISED ON MARCH 20, 1975, THAT CAPTIONED SUBJECT
[REDACTED] ARE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR ON FRENCH
TELEVISION SHOW "DOSSIERS DE L'ECRAN" NIGHT OF MARCH 25, 1975, IN b7C
CONNECTION WITH A FILM AND DEBATE DEALING WITH KLAN ACTIVITIES IN THE
UNITED STATES. ACCORDING TO FRENCH POLICE IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT
ABOVE NAMED INDIVIDUALS WILL BE PRESENTED IN A DISPARAGING AND
RIDICULOUS LIGHT SINCE THIS TELEVISION SHOW SPECIALIZES IN DEALING
WITH HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES AND INDIVIDUALS.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE INFORMATION TO ATLANTA
AND BIRMINGHAM.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-552) NR 070-27

FROM LEGAT PARIS (157-309)

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON; EXTREMIST MATTER - KLAN.

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REBUCAB AND PARCAB BOTH DATED MARCH 6, 1975.

FRENCH POLICE ADVISE SHELTON ARRIVED AT PARIS, FRANCE MORNING OF MARCH 25, 1975 VIA BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT FROM LONDON AND ENTERED FRANCE UNDER LAISSEZ-PASSER NUMBER 17 ISSUED BY THE FRENCH CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK CITY ON MARCH 24, 1975 VALID UNTIL APRIL 1, 1975. ACCORDING TO THE FRENCH POLICE, SHELTON TRAVELED FROM NEW YORK CITY TO LONDON PRIOR TO ARRIVING IN PARIS. ~~SECRET~~ (u)

ON MARCH 27, 1975 THE CONSULAR SERVICES SECTION, AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, ADVISED SHELTON APPEARED AT THE EMBASSY ON MARCH 26, 1975 TO APPLY FOR A PASSPORT FOR RETURN TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE EMBASSY HAS ~~NOT~~ ISSUED A PASSPORT TO SHELTON IN THE ABSENCE OF EXPRESS APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR A RETROACTIVE WAIVER IN THIS MATTER. AS OF THIS MORNING,

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MARCH 27, 1975, NO SUCH APPROVAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE PARIS EMBASSY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

PARIS IS FOLLOWING AND THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND

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FROM: SAC, WFO (157-819) (RUC)

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11:35 AM URGENT 3/26/75 SRO

TO DIRECTOR NR 069-26

FROM LEGAT PARIS (157-309)

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, AKA; EM-KLAN

REBUCAB MARCH 25, 1975.

PARIS SOURCES ADVISE SHELTON AND BOBBIE KINARD APPEARED ON THE FRENCH NETWORK TELEVISION SHOW "DOSSIERS DE L'ECRAN" ON NIGHT OF MARCH 25, 1975, IN CONNECTION WITH A PRODUCTION DEALING WITH THE KU KLUX KLAN IN THE UNITED STATES. THE FILM SHOWN WAS "STORM WARNING" WHICH PURPORTEDLY DEALT WITH KLAN ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTHERN U.S. CIRCA 1950 AND STARRED RONALD REAGAN AND DORIS DAY AND WHICH HAD LITTLE IF ANY RESEMBLANCE TO REAL LIFE KLAN ACTIVITIES.

THE SUBSEQUENT DEBATE, ACCORDING TO SOURCES, WAS GENERALLY INSIPID AND FAILED TO DEVELOP ANY CENTRAL THEME RELEVANT TO THE CONTEMPORARY KLAN. SUCH DIVERSE PARTICIPANTS AS SHELTON, FRENCH SOCIALIST ATTORNEY ROLAND DUMAS, PROFESSOR ERNEST GOLDSTEIN, FORMER SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO LYNDON B. JOHNSON, AND U.S. BLACK WRITER TERRY STOVALL EMBARKED ON DIFFERENT HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL TANGENTS WHICH WERE TOTALLY IRRELEVANT TO ISSUES AT HAND. AUDIENCE REACTION TO THE DEBATE WAS MINIMAL AND SHELTON PERFORMED IN A SUBDUED AND MODERATE MANNER.

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NO INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO SOURCES CONCERNING TRAVEL DOCUMENTS USED BY SHELTON OR ALLEGED ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE CONCERNING OTHER ACTIVITIES OR RETURN TRAVEL PLANS OF SHELTON AND KINARD.

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Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/28/75

You were advised earlier that Robert Shelton, national leader of white hate United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), had been invited to participate in a conference at Paris, France, and televised on Paris television. Also, that Shelton was to depart New York City traveling on special French visa as he had no U.S. passport.

Attached reports Shelton, in Paris, may be issued U.S. passport valid for 90 days, upon application. Passport may be extended upon submission of satisfactory evidence of birth. State Department wishes to consider passport violation in that Shelton departed U.S. without passport; therefore, he is to be asked to submit sworn explanation of his departure from U.S. without a passport. Since violation can result in criminal penalties, Shelton to be advised of constitutional right before a statement is taken from him. U.S. Embassy, Paris, requested to advise if passport issued and any other developments.

Pertinent data in attached furnished by teletype to Secret Service; Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division (and Internal Security and General Crimes Sections) and Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division of Department. Also furnished to Legat, Paris for information only.

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1:30 AM NITEL MARCH 28, 1975 RGC

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-819) AND

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-560)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-819)

ATTENTION: INTD.

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, AKA; EM-KLAN. OO: BH

[REDACTED] ENFORCEMENT BRANCH, LEGAL DIVISION,

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IS TAKEN FROM HIM WITH REGARD TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM UNITED STATES. EMBASSY WAS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF PASSPORT ISSUED AND ANY OTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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RE WFO NITEL TO BUREAU, MARCH 26, 1975.

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General Investigative Division
Bureau of
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Mr. Duggan
Mr. Ryan

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TO DIRECTOR (157-552) NR 072-28

FROM LEGAT, PARIS (157-309)

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON; EXTREMIST MATTER - KLAN.

REMYCAB MARCH 27, 1975.

ON MARCH 28, 1975 THE SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES SECTION, AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS, FRANCE ADVISED SHELTON WAS ISSUED UNITED STATES PASSPORT NUMBER Z2113135 VALID FOR NINETY DAYS ON MARCH 28, 1975. SHELTON INDICATED HE WOULD RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UPON OBTAINING RESERVATIONS AND WAS ADVISED BY A CONSULAR OFFICIAL THAT AN EMBASSY OBTAINED RESERVATION ON AN AIR FRANCE FLIGHT LEAVING PARIS FOR NEW YORK AT ONE P.M., THIS DATE, HAD JUST BEEN CANCELLED. SHELTON INDICATED HE WOULD TRY TO OBTAIN A RESERVATION ON THIS FLIGHT IF POSSIBLE.

NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING TRAVEL PLANS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES OF SHELTON.

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1122 AM NITEL APRIL 6, 1975 GDM

TO: DIRECTOR (157-552)

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-4650)

ATTENTION: INTD.

ROBERT M. SHELTON, AKA; EM-KLAN. OO: BIRMINGHAM.

A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ADVISED ON APRIL 6, 1975 AS FOLLOWS:

ROBERT M. SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA), A GROUP WHOSE STATED AIMS AND PURPOSES ARE THE PROMOTION OF AMERICANISM, WHITE SUPREMACY, AND SEGREGATION OF THE RACES, ATTENDED BANQUET OF UKA EVENING OF APRIL 5, 1975 AT HICKORY HOUSE, ATHENS, ALA.

ACCORDING TO SOURCE, [REDACTED]

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Date: 4/7/75

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-552)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-4650) (P)

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON
EM - KLAN
OO: BH

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Re Birmingham nitel, 3/24/75; Birmingham nitel 4/6/75.

Enclosed is the original and 4 copies of an LHM captioned, "ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON". Attached are 2 copies of an FD-376.

No local dissemination being made at Birmingham, Alabama.

This LHM is being classified "CONFIDENTIAL" in order to protect the use of a "CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ABROAD".

The confidential source abroad is Legat, Paris.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 7, 1975

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. BH 157-4650

RE: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,


Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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U. S. Secret Service

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
April 7, 1975

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

A confidential source abroad, hereinafter referred to as [redacted] advised on March 20, 1975, that Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) (See Appendix), is scheduled to appear on a French television show, "Dossiers De L'Ecran", on the evening of March 25, 1975, in connection with a film and debate dealing with Klan activities in the United States. b2 b7D

On March 23, 1975, source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, hereinafter referred to as [redacted] advised that Robert M. Shelton is scheduled to depart from Birmingham Municipal Airport, Birmingham, Alabama, at 9:15 AM, March 24, 1975, via Delta Air Lines, for New York City and Paris, France. b2 b7D

Shelton will be met in New York by a representative from the French Embassy, and will depart New York City late on March 24, 1975, for Paris, France. Shelton is scheduled to participate in a three-hour television production entitled, "The Ku Klux Klan in America". Shelton does not possess a passport, however, the French Government will provide a special visa for entry into France.

On March 24, 1975, [redacted] Delta Air Lines, Municipal Airport, Birmingham, Alabama, advised that Robert M. Shelton departed Birmingham via Delta Flight #524, b7C

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AND FIELD OFFICES

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DATE 2-8-77 P.C. JH

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ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

at 9:15 AM, March 24, 1975, en route to New York City and Paris, France. The flight was scheduled to arrive at LaGuardia Airport, New York City, at 12:07 PM, and Shelton was scheduled to leave Kennedy Airport via Air France Flight #70, at 7:00 PM, March 24, 1975, en route to Paris.

[REDACTED] advised on March 27, 1975, that Shelton arrived Paris, France, morning of March 25, 1975, via British Caledonian Airways flight from London, England, and entered France under Laissez-Passer #17, issued by the French Consulate General in New York on March 24, 1975, valid until April 1, 1975. b2 b7D

On March 28, 1975, [REDACTED] advised that Robert M. Shelton was issued United States Passport #Z2113135, valid for 90 days. This passport was issued on March 28, 1975, by the Special Counselor Service Section, American Embassy, Paris, France. b2 b7D

On March 26, 1975, [REDACTED] advised that Robert M. Shelton appeared on the French Network TV show "Dossiers De L'Ecran". On the night of March 25, 1975, in connection with a production dealing with the Ku Klux Klan of the United States, the film shown was, "Storm Warning", which purportedly dealt with Klan activities in the Southern United States circa 1950, and starred Ronald Reagan and Doris Day, and which had little, if any, resemblance to real life Klan activities. b2 b7D

Subsequent debate, according to source, was generally insipid, and failed to develop any central theme relevant to the contemporary Klan. Such diverse participants as Shelton, French Socialist Attorney Roland Dumas, Professor Ernest Goldstein, Former Special Assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson, and United States black writer Terry Stovall embarked on historical and philosophical tangents which were totally irrelevant to issues at hand. Audience reaction to the debate was minimal, and Shelton performed in a subdued and moderate manner.

[REDACTED] advised on April 6, 1975, that Shelton had returned to the United States on Friday, March 28, 1975. According to source, Shelton indicated that he was treated very fairly while in Paris and a lot better than he had ever been treated in the United States. b2 b7D

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ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Shelton indicated that the Secretary to James Venable, Imperial Wizard, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) (See Appendix), an elderly 60 or 70-year-old woman, was on the television show replacing Venable. Shelton indicated that she did not say more than twenty words, and when asked questions would redirect them to Shelton. Also on the show was a black male named Stovall, a "French journalist", and a lawyer named Goldstein, who was with President Lyndon B. Johnson's Administration. The French journalist treated Shelton fairly, and all Goldstein did was to read extracts from "U. S. News and World Report", asking Shelton questions as to the authenticity of the articles.

Shelton indicated that he arrived in Paris early on March 25, 1975, appearing on a brief fifteen-minute program which served as a promotional for the evening broadcast. Shelton indicated that he thought the trip and the program went "pretty good", and he also felt that he "came out on top" during the debate. Shelton was impressed by the way the French Government ran the production, stating that he felt the audience received a fair chance to hear information "straight from the horse's mouth".

Shelton repeated often that he felt he was fairly treated and that the production did not go one way or the other, either to make him look good or to make him look bad.

This source received the impression, however, that Shelton did not know how the program really went, and was uncertain as to whether he did well or not.

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Shelton did not appear too impressed over the experience and just seemed to "chalk it up" as another trip, only farther away. Shelton indicated that he was "tired out" but was also told that he would possibly be invited back next year.

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

The United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) was chartered in 1961 at Atlanta, Georgia. It was formed as a result of splits in and consolidation of other Klan groups. In July, 1961, the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Incorporated, merged with the Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization was headed by Robert Shelton. In October, 1961, a majority of the Ku Klux Klan klaverns were merged with the UKA and Robert Shelton continued as the leader.

The UKA is the dominant Klan group in the United States with headquarters located at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Klaverns in various states. Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, continues to be the Imperial Wizard of the organization. The stated aims and purposes of the UKA are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races. Like other Klan organizations, it is anti-Negro, anti-Semitic, and anti-foreign born.

Klan members and leaders have been involved in atrocities including beatings, bombings and murders, and have engaged in activities seeking to deny others their constitutional rights.


APPENDIX

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)

The National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated (NKKKK), a consolidation of various klan groups, was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, in November, 1963. The NKKKK was chartered as a patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order; however, in December, 1963, the NKKKK issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born. The NKKKK and its affiliate groups purportedly promote white Christian Americanism and combat communism. An annual NKKKK rally and cross burning has been held on Labor Day Weekend in Stone Mountain, Georgia, on the property of NKKKK Imperial Wizard James R. Venable.

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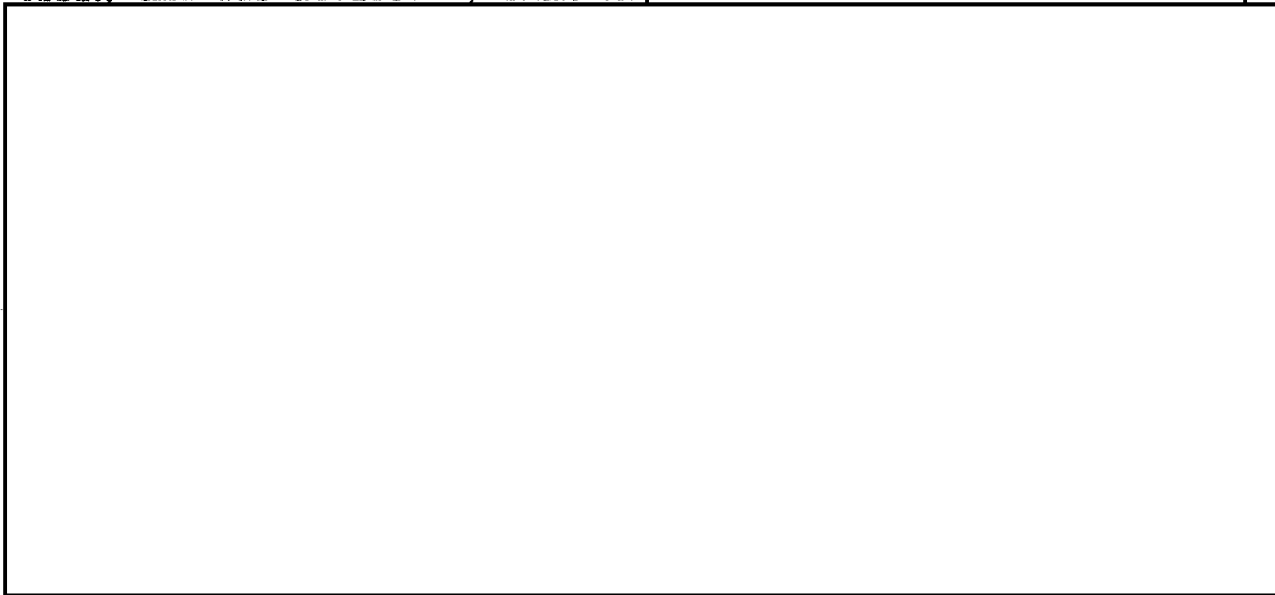
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RE: ROBERT M. SHELTON
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On 4/4/75, [] advised that he was recently talking to ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, UKA, KKKK, and was advised by SHELTON []



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[] advised that he obtained no other b2
information from SHELLON concerning this matter.

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The above is being made available for the
interest of the Bureau, Atlanta, and Birmingham, and no
dissemination memo is being submitted in this matter for
fear of jeopardizing highly confidential source.

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1:30 AM WITEL MARCH 28, 1975 RGC

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-819) AND

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (105-560)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-819)

~~ATTENTION: INTD.~~

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* *9 ABOVE DATA FURNISHED LEGAT, PARIS
FOR INFORMATION ONLY.*

~~RE WFO NITEL TO BUREAU, MARCH 26, 1975.~~

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12:45 PM URGENT 3/28/75 KVV

TO DIRECTOR (157-552) NR 072-23

FROM LEGAT PARIS (157-309)

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TO DIRECTOR (157-370)

ATTN: INTD

BIRMINGHAM (157-4650)

FROM MOBILE (157-1549) (P)

ROBERT M. SHELTON, AKA; EM - KLAN.

RE BIRMINGHAM NITEL, APRIL 6, 1975.

SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFO IN PAST ADVISED
ON APRIL 14, 1975, THAT SHELTON HAD NOT COME TO MOBILE, ALA.,
IN SUPPORT OF KLAN RALLY IN SEMMES (MOBILE COUNTY), ALABAMA,
ON NIGHT OF APRIL 12, 1975, AS HE HAD TO GO TO LOUISIANA.

ADMINISTRATIVE: SOURCE IS

AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED NEW ORLEANS FOR INFORMATION.

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157-552 153

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-552)

DATE: 4/16/75

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (157-309)(RUC)

SUBJECT: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON
EM - KLAN

Re Paris cable 3/28/75. *u*

No information has been developed to date by investigation conducted by official French services concerning activities of captioned subject in France, and no information in addition to that set forth by referenced Paris cable has been developed through contact with the Special Consular Services, American Embassy, Paris. Likewise, no additional information concerning the present whereabouts of subject is available to our French sources or the American Embassy, Paris. *EX-110*

All logical investigation at this time has been completed and captioned matter is being RUC'd. *u*

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ON *6/19/03*

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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY

(See Correlation Summaries dated 4/6/62; 4/22/63; 6/10/64; 8/11/65; 12/19/66; 2/19/68; 1/30/69 filed as 157-552-1,4, 11,31,52,58,71 respectively.)

Main File No.: 157-552
See Also: 9-51092
157-26280

Date: May 14, 1975

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 ON 6/12/03

Subject: Robert Marvin Shelton

Date Searched: 8/23/74

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as set out on page 2:

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed on page 2. All references under these names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN SUMMARY. References indicated in the block as SI contain the same information as the foregoing serial although the information may have been received from a different source.

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DETAIL.

Analyst

Supervisory Clerk

Approved

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 Shelton, Robert H.
 Shelton, Robert K.
 Shelton, Robert L.
 Shelton, Robert M.
 Shelton, Robert N.
 Shelton, Robert S.
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ABBREVIATIONS

KKKKKnights of the Ku Klux Klan
 UKAUnited Klans of America

Richmond Office advised that the UKA, Realm of Virginia, was founded in 1965 by Marshall R. Kornegay, who had been appointed Grand Dragon by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the National Organization. The alleged aims and purposes of the Realm of Virginia was to promote Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races.

157-8292-6 p.3

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The following reference pertains to Robert Shelton in the WDC area in connection with applicant or loyalty investigation of the individual listed below. In this reference allegations were made concerning the association of Shelton in klan activities with the subject of the file from 3/4/66 to 6/12/66.

SUBJECT OF FILE

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140-23746-56 p.7,9,13-15

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157-12203-1 ep.2
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157-19471-1 p.7
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157-20365-1 p.7
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On 9/27/68, [REDACTED] Anchorage, Alaska, advised that Elmer Hester [REDACTED] had taped a television broadcast to be shown over that station on 9/28/68. The program was presented on that date, as a paid political broadcast, allegedly sponsored by the "National Black Power Committee." Hester was introduced as representing Alaska National Black Power. His remarks were primarily directed against George Wallace, Robert Shelton, and the KKK. He described the KKK as un-American.

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157-168-968 ep.6
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157-1530-47 p.1,2,5,6
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77-107319-20 p.43
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[redacted] advised that on 12/5/69 a banquet was held in Sumter, South Carolina, to honor the release of Shelton from prison. Among those who attended was [redacted]

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157-10588-2 p.8,11
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[redacted] advised that [redacted] (157-31337) attended a dinner in honor of Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, on 12/6/69 in Richmond, Virginia.

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157-31337-1 p.11
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[redacted] advised that [redacted] (157-6709) attended the UKA Realm of Virginia banquet for Robert Shelton at Petersburg, Virginia, on 12/6/69, following Shelton's release from Federal prison.

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157-6709-6 p.3
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157-16190-1 ep.1
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[redacted] (Prob) advised that [redacted] (157-[redacted]) attended a reception and banquet for Robert Shelton at Tuscaloosa, Ala, on 11/28/69.

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[redacted] (Prob) advised that [redacted] attended a UKA rally at [redacted] House, Mississippi, on 1/3/70

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157-7585-5 p.6
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Naval Investigative Service on 1/27/70 advised that the Rights of White People (ROWP) (157-16246) Jacksonville, North Carolina, was planning to sponsor a meeting between 5 members each of various organizations including: ROWP; National White People's Party, Ashville, North Carolina; Minutemen; and Robert Shelton accompanied by 4 of his associates. It was scheduled during the week of 2/1-7/70, but was dependent upon Shelton's availability. The meeting site was planned for either Wilmington or Wrightsville Beach, NC. The purpose of which might be the formation of a coalition between the participating organizations in working towards a common goal.

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157-3831-13 p.4
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[redacted] (Prob) advised that during March 1970, the UKA had been primarily concerned with setting up private schools in Mississippi to avoid sending their children to schools that were integrated. The school integration problem caused several former Klan members to become active again and gave added momentum to organizing a few units of the UKA. A new unit was organized at Sardis, Miss. and the talk concerned taking some action against the facilities of Kyle State Park, near Sardis, since Governor John Bell Williams refused to allow them to hold a rally there on 2/28/70, where Robert Shelton was the principal speaker.

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made by the Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton that he was leasing land which surrounded the farm which had been purchased by the NOI.

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On 3/3/70, [REDACTED]

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These leases pertained to land located next to the farm purchased by the NOI which was called the "Big Beaver" farm.

25-330971-4-63 p.2 ep.4,5
(2,23)

The "Chicago Tribune," Four Star Final, a daily newspaper published in Chicago, dated 3/17/70, carried an article which revealed that a farm owned by the Black Muslims in St. Clair County, Alabama, which was stocked with a \$30,000 herd of 300 Hereford and Angus cows, had been plagued with sniper firing and poisoning of the herd. The herd was to be sold "to the Ku Klux Klan or anybody who wants it." Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, stated that his organization was leasing or buying the land around the Muslim farm "to keep an eye on things." The 223 surviving cattle would be transferred to a farm owned by the Muslims in Greene County, Alabama.

25-330971-8486 ep.1
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157-1935-10 p.3,14
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New Haven Office on 3/31/70 advised that [redacted]
(157-14077) reportedly directed a letter to Robert Shelton at UKA
National Offices, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, [redacted]
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157-14077-3 p.2
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A source described as reliable by the Metropolitan PD, WDC, advised that Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA and James Venables, Imperial Wizard of the National Klans of the KKK planned to be in Washington on 4/4/70 for the march sponsored by the Emergency Committee For Peace By Victory. They would lead a robed delegation down Pennsylvania Avenue.

62-112228-722 p.1
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157-92-419 ep.1,2
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[redacted] furnished the following information: The public rally planned by the Association of Arkansas Klans of the KKK was held 6/13/70 outside the city limits of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. The local Klavern advised the local press that Robert Shelton had been invited to speak. On 6/12/70, the local newspaper, the "Pine Bluff Commercial" carried an article indicating that Shelton had been contacted and stated that he had no plans to attend the Klan rally at Pine Bluff on 6/13/70.

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157-92-421 ep.1
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157-32825-16 p.14

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[redacted] on 7/20/70 furnished a brochure captioned "White Youth Fight Back" which revealed that it was distributed by the UKA, National Office, P.O. Box 2369, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. This leaflet contained an application blank for membership in the Youth Corps of the United Klans of America, Inc. (157-8616). Source further stated that Robert M. Shelton felt that the distribution of this leaflet might encourage youths to join the Youth Corps of the UKA and he planned to have the leaflet widely distributed. b2 b7D

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157-8616-29 ep.1,2
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157-11156-3 p.1,4,5
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[redacted] advised that [redacted] (157^{b7D} 7) attended a welcome-home banquet held for Robert M. Shelton in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on 11/28-29/69 after Shelton's release from prison. Shelton was the guest speaker.

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157-7947-3 p.1,3
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On 2/27/67, [redacted] advised that he was not a member of any Klan organization. He admitted attending a speech by Shelton at Clarksdale, in August 1966, but claimed he attended out of curiosity^{b7C} and had not been employed or contacted by Shelton to promote his appearance.

[redacted] CS-R on 9/23/70 advised that he had a long conversation with [redacted] the UKA several times. [redacted] stated that he had recently heard Shelton speak and described him as a brilliant man. ^{b7C}

157-20753-1 p.5-7
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[redacted] advised that on 11/28-29/69, [redacted] (157-6853) attended and participated in a "Welcome Home" Banquet held by the UKA at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for Robert M. Shelton, who had just returned from prison. ^{b2}

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The above-mentioned source further advised that since late November 1970, [redacted] ^{b7D}

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157-6853-4 p.1,3
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[redacted] (Prob) advised that on 11/10/70 a meeting of the Atkinson Klavern of UKA was held in North Carolina during which Raymond Cranford who was affiliated with the North Carolina KKKK (157-18601) was a guest speaker. He spoke in derogatory terms of the UKA and in profane language in referring to North Carolina Grand Dragon J.R. Jones. Cranford stated that UKA leader Robert Shelton was no better than Jones and that both men drained the UKA financially for their own selfish desires.

157-18601-3 p.137,152,153
(17,34)

[redacted] advised that a UKA State meeting was held at Orlando, Florida, on 1/25/70. Robert M. Shelton of the UKA National Office from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, organized a Realm of Florida and held an election for State Officers. Edward Rankin Jones (157-7018) was elected to the Office of Grand Kladd. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that [redacted] [redacted] attended the "Welcome Back Robert M. Shelton" banquet held at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on 11/28/70.

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157-7018-9 p.1,2
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On 12/17/70 [redacted]

[redacted] Robert Shelton. (No further details.)

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157-21021-1 p.1,7
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On 1/11/71, [redacted] (157-20860) advised that he had been a member of the Klan [redacted] He further advised that he was against violence and that he would not commit an act of violence even if Robert Shelton, himself, ordered him to do so. b7C b7D

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157-20860-1 p.7,10,11
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[redacted] advised that on 4/22/70, Robert Shelton spoke for one hour on Forrest City Radio Station KXJK, Forrest City, Arkansas. Listeners were invited to telephone the radio station and ask Shelton questions regarding the KKK.

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157-21907-5 p.2-4
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[redacted] Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, attended this meeting and was the main speaker. [redacted] stated the guards were necessary in order to protect Shelton from anyone who might try to kill him. Shelton talked of the problems of keeping the race white.

157-23647-2 p.13
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157-18055-7 p.3

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[REDACTED] Texas Department of Public Safety, Beaumont, Texas, advised that he attended the UKA rally on 8/19/71 that was held at Vidor, Texas. The speakers were Robert Shelton and Frank Converse (157-5140) of Houston.

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157-5140-9 p.2,3

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Jerome Lavinger, publicly identified as FBI informant on 9/9/71, for exposing the Klan as perpetrators of bus bombing in Pontiac, Michigan, 8/30/71, advised that on 10/17/70, [REDACTED] (157-25050) attended a Klan meeting at Flint, Michigan, where Robert Shelton spoke giving his usual anti-Jew, Negro, Communist speech. b7C

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On 9/9/71, [REDACTED] advised that he was acquainted with Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He further stated that he had made 3 trips to Tuscaloosa to see Shelton and that Shelton had been at Lake Odessa, Michigan, on 7/4/71, when the Michigan Klans had a large picnic and rally. [REDACTED] stated that he held Shelton in great esteem.

157-25050-1 p.9,10,17

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[REDACTED] advised that they attended the UKA, KKKK National Klan Vocation held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 11/27-28/71 and heard the speech of Robert Miles (173-8248) to the delegates gathered there. In his speech, Miles told of how SAs searched his farm and arrested him for conspiracy to bomb school buses in Pontiac, Michigan. Both sources advised that they did not make notes nor record the speech but believed that Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton had a tape recorder on the rostrum and was attempting to tape Miles' speech.

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The above-mentioned source advised that on 12/30/71, [REDACTED]

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157-18400-149 ep.1
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157-8275-7 ep.2
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[REDACTED] advised that on 5/20/72 there was a UKA klan meeting open to the public held near Covington, Louisiana, with Robert Shelton as the featured speaker. This meeting was attended by [REDACTED] (157-5745). Shelton spoke in support of Governor Wallace's campaign for the democratic nomination for President of the US.

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[redacted] reportedly attended a public rally of the UKA-Maryland, held at Rising Sun, on 6/10/72. Shelton was the principal speaker.



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157-8932-5 p.2,5,6
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The above-mentioned source advised that at a Klan meeting held 6/29/72 in Tulsa, a letter was read from Shelton stating that [redacted] had been officially ousted from the Klan.

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157-12890-11 ep.1,2
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157-25497-2 ep.5,6
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*Probably American Civil Liberties Union

Birmingham Office on 7/20/72 advised that as of March 1972, the Youth Corps of the UKA (157-8616) had never had the strong backing of Robert M. Shelton of the UKA. Reportedly the Youth Corps had never met with any appreciable amount of success and was almost non-existent as of March 1972, except for a few isolated instances. Since this date no additional information was received to indicate that it was increasing in membership or activity.

157-8616-32 p.1
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The following references in the file captioned "The Fiery Cross" pertain to Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA and Editor-Publisher of this official publication of the UKA from April 1969 to September 1972, in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and Texas. Shelton wrote editorials and articles following his beliefs in the UKA for the aims and purposes of promoting Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races. Several were written by Shelton from prison in Texas and several articles were written about his imprisonment as "a political prisoner." He made complimentary statements about F.B.I. Director Hoover concerning "the forced resignation of William C. Sullivan" and commented on the intense pressure the FBI exerted on the UKA, stating that it was definitely uncalled for.

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-99 ep.1,2	(24)

Over the weekend of 10/19-22/72, Dale Reusch (157-6434) appeared on Station WKKK, Channel 22, Dayton, Ohio, to talk about the status of the Ohio National Knights of the KKK and to answer questions from the viewing audience. Included in a transcription of that appearance were his answers to questions regarding Robert Shelton and the KKK.

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157-15146-43 p.1
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62-107261-25-21 ep.2
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62-107261-10-85 p.3
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Above-mentioned source further advised that

105-194289-150 p.1, 2
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SI 105-194289-4-11 p.1-3
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This serial indicated that the above-mentioned doctor was possibly [REDACTED]

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105-186336-3753 p.1,2

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The following references in the file captioned "United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA)" pertain to the activities of Robert Marvin Shelton in his capacity as Imperial Wizard of the UKA, the most important leader in the Klan movement from 9/27/66 to 7/20/74 in the US. Shelton devoted most all of his time and efforts to the administration and operation of the Imperial Office of the UKA and the furtherance of the UKA throughout the US. He traveled extensively filling many UKA speaking engagements usually accompanied by Melvin Sexton, Imperial Kligrapp of the UKA. When speaking at various public rallies and cross burnings or other public functions, Shelton gave his usual speech dealing with the threat of communism and made known his utter condemnation of communism. He made derogatory remarks concerning most officials of the US Government including the President of the US and the Director of the FBI. Shelton participated in various UKA activities, such as organizing drives, public rallies, social affairs and the arranging of appropriate plans to raise funds for different UKA projects and/or to organize various UKA Klaverns or State Units. Close ties were maintained by many Klan leaders and members with other white extremist groups. Shelton planned a trip to the Middle East in July 1974, at the request of some Arabian shieks there.

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The following references on Robert Shelton, Robert M. Shelton and Robert Marvin Shelton were not available during the time this summary was being prepared.

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See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Although the information is the same it may have been received from different sources.

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ROBERT M. SHELTON

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~~1:23 PM NITEL MAY 20, 1975 DGG~~

~~TO: DIRECTOR (157-532)~~

~~BALTIMORE~~

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~~FROM: BIRMINGHAM (157-4658) (P)~~

~~ROBERT M. SHELTON; EM - KLAN. OO: BIRMINGHAM.~~

ON MAY 20, 1975, A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT ROBERT M. SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA), IS SCHEDULED TO BE THE FEATURED SPEAKER AT SEVERAL UKA RALLIES TO BE HELD IN MAY AND JUNE, 1975.

THE UKA IS THE DOMINANT KLAN GROUP IN THE SOUTH WHOSE STATED AIMS AND PURPOSES ARE THE PROMOTION OF AMERICANISM, WHITE SUPREMACY, AND SEGREGATION OF THE RACES.

THE RALLIES TO BE HELD ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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DATE 6/12/03 BY 60290/BCE/DCG/ymw

THE MINUTEMEN (MM) IS A PARAMILITARY GROUP ORGANIZED
IN JUNE, 1960, BY ROBERT DE PUGH IN NORBORNE, MISSOURI,
AS A RESISTANCE TO THE SPREAD OF COMMUNISM IN THE
UNITED STATES BY USE OF GUERRILLA TACTICS.

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~~RE BIRMINGHAM NITEL, 5/14/75, AND BUREAU NITEL, 5/19/75.~~

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~~SOURCE WILL NOT CONTACT FBI, PENSACOLA, UNLESS EMERGENCY
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AND TELEPHONE NUMBER TO CALL IF NECESSARY.~~

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4:32 PM NITEL MAY 27, 1975 DGS

TO: DIRECTOR
ATLANTA

FROM: BIRMINGHAM (157-4650) (P)

ROBERT M. SHELTON, AKA; EM - KLAN. OO, BIRMINGHAM.

A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED ON MAY 27, 1975, THAT ROBERT M. SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA), WILL BE THE FEATURED SPEAKER AT A RALLY SPONSORED BY THE UKA, REALM OF GEORGIA, ON MAY 31, 1975.

THE UKA IS A GROUP WHOSE STATED AIMS AND PURPOSES ARE THE PROMOTION OF AMERICANISM, WHITE SUPREMACY, AND SEGREGATION OF THE RACES.

RALLY SCHEDULED AT EIGHT P.M. AT JASPER, GEORGIA. SHELTON WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY IMPERIAL KLOKAN FRED KUEHNER AND GRAND DRAGON OF ALABAMA JOHN ADAMS.

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MAY 28 1975

Handwritten initials and signature

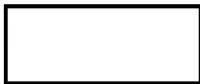
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June 12, 1975

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Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear

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This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 4, 1975, your reference PT/LE - SHELTON, Robert E. wherein you requested the release of information or the names of those who provided information regarding Robert Marvin Shelton's trip to Paris, France, in March, 1975.

For your information, appropriate field offices are being contacted to determine what information is available which might assist you in prosecution of Shelton for his apparent violation of Title 18, U. S. Code Section 1185.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence A. Kelley
Clarence A. Kelley
Director

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NOTE:

Robert M. Shelton, national leader of the white hate United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), departed on 3/24/75 en route to Paris, France, to participate in the French TV production entitled "The Ku Klux Klan in America" which was televised in Paris on 3/26/75. Shelton traveled to Paris under a special French visa and did not possess a U. S. passport. This appears to be a violation of Title 8, U. S. Code 1185 of which primary jurisdiction lies with the Department of State. Information obtained by this Bureau regarding subject's travel to France was appropriately disseminated to the State Department upon receipt.

Above necessary to acknowledge receipt of letter from State Department and advise of action being taken.

This communication is classified "Confidential" as it was so classified by the U. S. Department of State.

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Washington, D.C. 20520

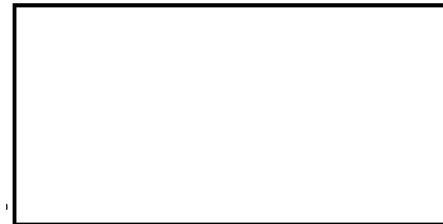
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In Reply Refer To:
PT/LE - SHELTON, Robert M.

JUN 4 1975

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigations
United States Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20535



Dear Mr. Kelley:

I refer to the information given to the Department of State in February and March, 1975 regarding Robert Marvin Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

This information informed the Department as early as February 26, 1975 that Mr. Shelton had been invited to attend a conference in Paris, France on March 23, 1975. This Office was also informed that Shelton had no passport and would be furnished a special visa by the French government. The information came from a confidential source who had provided the Bureau with reliable information in the past.

Shelton did make the trip to Paris and did indeed travel without a United States passport as required by 8 USC 1185. The Legal Division of the Passport Office is attempting to prosecute Shelton for his actions.

The release of any information or of the names of those who provided any information regarding Shelton's travel activities would be of great assistance in that those persons would then be able to testify for the prosecution.

The Department realizes the Bureau's need for confidentiality of sources. However, any cooperation you can give the Department in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

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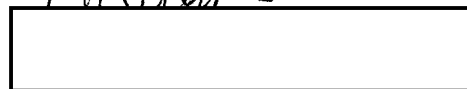
Sincerely,

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[Signature]



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Passport Office

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Airtel

To: SAC, Birmingham (157-4650)

6/13/75

From: Director, FBI (157-552)

ROBERT M. SHELTON, AKA
EM - KLAN

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On 6/4/75 the Bureau received a letter from the Passport Office, Department of State, advising that subject's trip to Paris, France, in March, 1975, without a U.S. passport was an apparent violation of Title 8, U.S. Code, Section 1185. The Passport Office is attempting to prosecute Shelton for his actions and has requested that the Bureau furnish "any information or ... the names of those who provided any information regarding Shelton's travel activities ... in that those persons would then be able to testify for the prosecution."

Birmingham is instructed to promptly submit to the Bureau the identity of those individuals or informants who can testify to subject's activities relating to his trip to Paris, France, on 3/24/75. Also submit pertinent details regarding the information each of these persons can furnish that would assist the Passport Office in its prosecution of subject.

In addition, Birmingham is to recommend whether any informants so identified, are in the position to give testimony in this matter. It should be noted that the Bureau would normally not give up a valuable informant for testimony in an offense of this nature.

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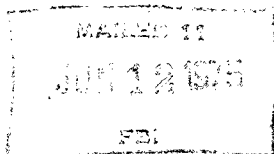
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Airtel to Birmingham
Re: Robert M. Shelton, aka

NOTE:

Robert M. Shelton, national leader of the white hate United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), departed on 3/24/75 en route to Paris, France, to participate in the French TV production entitled "The Ku Klux Klan in America" which was televised in Paris on 3/26/75. Shelton traveled to Paris under a special French visa and did not possess a U.S. passport. This appears to be a violation of Title 8, U.S. Code 1185 of which primary jurisdiction lies with the Department of State. Information obtained by this Bureau regarding subject's travel to France was appropriately disseminated to the State Department upon receipt.

Above necessary to determine what assistance the Bureau might be in the State Department's attempt to prosecute subject for apparent passport violation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-552)

FROM : *JAA* SAC, MOBILE (157-1549) (RUC)

SUBJECT: *R* ROBERT M. SHELTON, aka
EM - KLAN
OO: BIRMINGHAM

DATE: 6/20/75

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4/22/75. Re Birmingham Nitel, *149* 4/6/75 and Mobile teletype,

Re Mobile Nitel indicated that while SHELTON had been expected to travel to Mobile in support of a Klan rally on night of 4/12/75, he had not come to Mobile as he had to go to Louisiana.

Re Mobile Nitel inadvertently omitted the status. This matter is now RUC'd with this communication.

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3:32 PM NITEL JUNE 26, 1975 DGS

TO DIRECTOR (157-552)

JACKSON (157-471)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-4650) (P)

ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, AKA; EM - KLAN. OO: BH

A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED ON JUNE 26, 1975, THAT ROBERT M. SHELTON, IMPERIAL WIZARD, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA), TOGETHER WITH HIS IMPERIAL KLOKAN FRED KUEHNER, WOULD TRAVEL TO MAGEE, MISSISSIPPI, ON JUNE 28, 1975, TO PARTICIPATE IN A UKA RALLY SPONSORED BY THE REALM OF MISSISSIPPI.

THE UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA), WAS CHARTERED IN 1961 IN GEORGIA. ITS ALLEGED AIMS AND PURPOSES ARE THE PROMOTION OF AMERICANISM, WHITE SUPREMACY, AND SEGREGATION OF THE RACES. IT IS THE DOMINANT KLAN GROUP IN THE SOUTH, WITH HEADQUARTERS AT TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, AND IS CURRENTLY ACTIVE IN SEVERAL STATES.

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SOURCE IS BH 423-E.

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Date: 6/19/75

Transmit the following in _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-552)

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-4650) (P)

ROBERT M. SHELTON, aka;
EM - KLAN
OO: BH

6/12/03 60290/BCE/DC/lym

Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham, 6/13/75 and
Birmingham airtel and LHM to Bureau, 4/7/75.Enclosed for Atlanta, Columbia and New York is
one copy of referenced Bureau airtel for information
purposes.Detailed information regarding SHELTON'S trip to
Paris, France on 3/24/75 furnished by re Birmingham airtel
and LHM. A further review of the Birmingham file in this
matter reflects the following additional information that
may assist the U. S. Department of State in their inquiry:(1) SHELTON'S Itinerary:

Leave Birmingham, Alabama, 9:15 a.m., 3/24/75
via Delta Air Lines, Flight 524; arrive
LaGuardia, New York City, 12:07 p.m., 3/24/75;
leave Kennedy Airport, New York City, via
Air France, Flight #70, 7:00 p.m., 3/24/75;
arrive Paris, France a.m., 3/25/75 via
British Caledonian AirWays, with stop-over
in London, England.

██████████ Delta Air Lines, Birmingham,
Alabama, can testify to SHELTON'S departure from Birmingham.
Information regarding SHELTON'S arrival Paris, France
obtained from Legat, Paris. b7C

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- 1 - New York (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Birmingham

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Special Agent in Charge

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(2) Participants in French TV Program:

- (1) Secretary to JAMES VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKK), Atlanta, identified as BOBBIE KINARD, described as an elderly white female.
- (2) Professor ERNEST GOLDSTEIN, former advisor to President LYNDON B. JOHNSON, current address unknown to Birmingham.
- (3) TERRY STOVALL, described only as a "U. S. Black Writer," possibly residing at Paris, France.

(3) Sources:

Sources who furnished information regarding SHELTON'S trip to Paris are identified as [redacted] (Birmingham file [redacted] and on 4/4/75, [redacted])

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A further review of Birmingham file reflects that although [redacted]

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Birmingham is not aware of the identities of any persons other than noted above who could provide testimony regarding SHELTON'S possible violation of Title 18, Section 1185, USC.

Birmingham strongly recommends for the Bureau that the identities of [redacted] not be compromised in this matter. Travel of SHELTON can be independently verified through air line personnel and SHELTON'S statements to Embassy personnel in Paris. Possibility also exists that persons involved in French TV program notably BOBBIE KINARD and ERNEST GOLDSTEIN could be subpoenaed to testify in trial regarding SHELTON'S illegal departure from the U. S.

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Birmingham is also of the opinion that any prosecution of SHELTON for this minor infraction of the law will do much to revive public support for SHELTON not only among Klan members but also among the public at large. It is felt that the involvement of the Bureau's valuable sources mentioned above will do nothing to further any interest of the Bureau, and would, in the end result, completely destroy any further effectiveness from these sources.

Information copies to Atlanta, Columbia and New York in view of possible future investigation requested by the Bureau.

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Information copies to Jacksonville and Miami are being sent in view of the fact that SHELTON intends to be in the State of Florida during July, 1975.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama

June 19, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to
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ROBERT M. SHELTON

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AT TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA. Recontact to identify the members of Unit 684, UKA and/or the number of members. b2 b7D

NEW ORLEANS

AT COVINGTON, LOUISIANA. Follow rally activity with local authorities and through confidential sources.

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July 2, 1975

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Chief of Police William Dobson, Covington, and [redacted] St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, [redacted] advised on June 30, 1975, that they were aware of efforts on the part of the Klan type organization to obtain the rental of the Municipal Building at Covington for the purpose of holding a rally. Both advised that they are concerned about the proposed rally as the Municipal Building is located in an area which is surrounded by residences which are predominately occupied by Negroes. They stated that they have no reason to expect any violence nor counter-activity but they are planning on watching the situation and to recommend certain restrictive provisions in connection with the use of the city facility. b7C

[redacted] advised on July 1, 1975, that he has the responsibility of [redacted] Municipal Building, Covington. He advised that he had been contacted recently by [redacted]

[redacted] of the UKA he desired to engage the use of the Municipal Building which is located on the Fairgrounds, Covington, on July 12, 1975 for use by the UKA. b7C

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[] stated that he has no legal basis for declining the use of the building for peaceful and legitimate purposes but he advised [] that he ~~must~~ also obtain a permit from the police department so that adequate police protection should be assured. It was further stipulated that no crosses were to be burned.

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A P P E N D I X

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Shelton, Robert M 157 552-130

Re report of SA [redacted] dated February 13, 1975, at Birmingham; Birmingham airtel and LHM, dated 4/7/75, 157-552-15; Birmingham airtel and LHM, dated 8/4/75, captioned "UKA, INC., KKKK, EM - KLAN."

Enclosed are six copies of an LHM captioned ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON.

Two copies of an FD-376 are attached to this LHM.

One copy of the LHM is being disseminated locally to U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham, Alabama.

Information contained in referenced LHM's contain details regarding SHELTON's trip to Paris during March, 1975, and recent criticism raised against SHELTON by former Klan members. This information is not being set forth in this communication for the sake of brevity.

This LHM not being classified; however, more than one T-symbol assigned to [redacted] high-level source, for his protection. Sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are identified as follows:

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At Tuscaloosa, Ala.:

Will follow and report activities of ROBERT M. SHELTON.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to
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RE: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
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6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

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Very truly yours,


Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service , Birmingham

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama

August 19, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to
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ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

I... BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Robert Marvin Shelton continues to reside at
No. 18 Lake Sherwood, Northport, Alabama.

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B. Employment

Robert Marvin Shelton continues to be employed on
a full-time basis as Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of
America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA).

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A characterization of the UKA is
contained in the appendix hereto.

C. Automobiles

[REDACTED] Robert M. Shelton, is the
registered owner of a 1972 Plymouth Duster, Vehicle Identifi-
cation No. [REDACTED] which bears 1975 Alabama
license [REDACTED]

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Records, Tuscaloosa License
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The Alabama Rescue Service is a cover name for the UKA in the State of Alabama.

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1975 Alabama license 63-55159 is listed to Robert M. Shelton, #18 Lake Sherwood, Northport, Alabama, for a 1969 Corvette, VIN 194379S712882, which was purchased July 21, 1975, from Leland Wheat Motor Company, Northport, Alabama.

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Commissioner's Office,
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II. CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

Robert M. Shelton is currently serving as Imperial Wizard of the UKA, having been elected to a three-year term on September 2, 1973.

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III. ACTIVITIES

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Robert M. Shelton was present at a UKA banquet held at Orlando, Florida, on January 25, 1975.

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Regarding the banquet held at Orlando, Florida on January 25, 1975, it was estimated that approximately 150 persons were present and after the banquet listened to Shelton speak on the difference between the Negro and the white man including the fact that the Negro had a blood disease which he could possibly give to the white man. Shelton also criticized the U. S. Government "Food Stamp" Program and the fact that the Government was spending millions of dollars to help the Negroes. b7D

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Robert M. Shelton was the featured speaker at a UKA rally near Theodore, Alabama, held February 22, 1975. The crowd was estimated at approximately 1500 people including 42 rows of Klansmen. In his speech Shelton blasted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the "Liberal Press" for plotting to create an image that the Klan is violent. Shelton also stated that the rally being held at Theodore, Alabama, would be part of a series of meetings planned throughout the southeast in an effort to increase membership and to create public awareness of the Klan. At the conclusion of the rally a 25 foot cross was burned.

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This sytem is supposed to organize and control all right-wing groups and their activities so there will be a broader coverage with no conflict. According to Shelton, they have acquired tons of files and information on different individuals as well as different groups.

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Robert M. Shelton was the featured speaker at a Klan banquet held at Athens, Alabama, at the Hickory House Restaurant on April 5, 1975. There were approximately 200 persons present and after dinner Shelton spoke of his recent trip to Paris, France, where he appeared on French television. Most of his speech concerned his trip to Paris and he also asked everyone present to join some sort of "right wing" organization in order to get the United States back on the right course. Shelton stated he believes that within five years everyone in the United States would have to belong to some sort of an organization of this nature in order to survive in this country.

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Robert M. Shelton was present at an Indiana Realm Educational Meeting held April 26, 1975, at Indianapolis, Indiana. Prior to this meeting, he had been interviewed by a local television station in Indianapolis. During this interview Shelton touched upon the threat to our western culture and racial integrity in the United States. He criticized President Ford's administrative policy making America a haven for South Viet Nam refugees and also commented on a recent trip that he had made to Paris, France. During the Realm Educational Meeting Shelton spoke of the evergrowing power of the Federal Bureaucracy and the threat of "big daddy" government to freedom of speech and thought.

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A UKA rally was held at Gadsden, Alabama, on May 10, 1975. Approximately 500 persons were present and Robert M. Shelton was the featured speaker. Shelton criticized the

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"Jewish" influence on the United States government and also spoke out about the South Viet Nam refugees coming into the United States.

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On May 17, 1975, a UKA banquet for the Realm of Virginia was held at Richmond beginning at approximately 8:00 P.M. Approximately 75 persons were present. Shelton spoke about an hour and entertained the audience concerning his travels throughout the country. He talked about his trip to Paris, France, and his fine reception in that country. Shelton also continued to implant the fear of violence between the white and black developing in the immediate future. He touched over and over again about his relationship with Robert DePugh of the Minute Men group and the necessity of the Klan working closely with DePugh. Shelton spoke about his many "accomplishments"; however, the feeling was that his accomplishments never came to pass. Shelton's ability to "stir his audience" and make them believe he is the greatest remains unimpaired.

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A UKA state meeting for the Realm of Virginia was held at Richmond on May 18, 1975. Present was Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton who discussed the injustices in the American system. He defined integration as the practice of replacement of a white man with a black man especially if the black did not have the qualifications to hold a job. Shelton indicated that this form of integration is happening throughout the United States at the present time. Shelton further indicated that he does not understand how the Federal government can allow a simple minority to have power over the vast majority of the people in the United States.

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A UKA rally was held at Pensacola, Florida, on May 24, 1975. The featured speaker was Robert M. Shelton and the estimated attendance was 2,500 persons. Shelton spoke for approximately 45 minutes and criticized the Federal government and the FBI.

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A rally and cross burning sponsored by the UKA, Realm of Georgia, was held on Saturday evening, May 31, 1975, on Highway 53, between Dawsonville and Tate, Georgia. The featured speaker at the rally was UKA Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton. Shelton spoke about his recent trip to France where he appeared on a French television talk show and then went on to speak about various welfare programs and the amount of money the Federal government spends on welfare. Shelton stated that there is no such thing as Federal aid, that the money comes from the taxpayers in the first place and then is returned to the state and called Federal aid. He also claimed that television and news media are biased and are owned by people who are not white, Christian, American. He used as an example the daily newspapers in Birmingham, Montgomery and Mobile, Alabama, which are owned by Jewish individuals.

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A rally was held at Deland, Florida, on June 1, 1975, which rally was sponsored by the UKA, Realm of Florida. The featured speaker was Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard. Shelton spoke about 35 minutes and stated that he and the UKA were against the integration of races and felt that forced busing of school children to create racial balance was wrong. Shelton stated that he was proud to be a "racist". Shelton also advised that forced integration of schools through the method of busing should also hold true for the redistribution of blacks from the southern states to states like South Dakota and Idaho where a low population of blacks reside. Shelton also included in his speech the high crime rate in the United States quoting FBI statistics and then attributed the high crime rate to the blacks in the United States.

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A rally featuring Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was held on June 14, 1975, at Camp Virgil Tate, a 4-H camp located near Charleston, West Virginia. It was estimated that not more than 15 people were at the rally during what should have been a peak period on the afternoon of June 14, 1975. Apparently Shelton was very disappointed at the turnout of this rally and because of this poor turnout no major speeches or talks were given.

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A UKA rally was held at Rising Sun, Maryland, on June 21, 1975. Only 200 persons attended this rally with the featured speaker as Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA. Shelton stated the UKA encountered many problems in the north that were not encountered in the south; however, did not elaborate or identify these problems. Shelton did state that the conservatives or right-wing elements were the worst enemy, that too many persons wanted to be the leaders and they were not qualified. Shelton also remarked it had now reached the point where even "whites" could not be trusted and he advocated that all right-wing organizations should use the "lie detector" machines to weed out spies and infiltrators.

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A rally sponsored by the Realm of Mississippi UKA was held on the evening of June 28, 1975, near Magee, Mississippi. The featured speaker for the rally was Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard, UKA. Attendance was estimated at approximately 200 persons. Shelton spoke for approximately 25 minutes on various subjects including his trip to Paris, France in March, 1975. Shelton spoke about the Viet Nam refugee problem in the United States, stating that there were too many people of different color and foreign birth in America at this time and that these refugees should not be allowed to come into the United States. He also stated that Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota was introducing a bill in the United States Senate which would provide homes for these refugees and which would allow the United States Government to take away white persons' homes and give them to refugees.

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The UKA Realm of Mississippi held a rally on July 11, 1975, in the rural area along U. S. Highway 49 near Saucier (Harrison County), Mississippi. Approximately 500 persons were in attendance. The featured speaker was Robert M. Shelton who spoke in regard to the need of building membership in the UKA and also reported that no one should be afraid of the Klan unless they are not living right. He also stressed the fact that he had information that the United States government

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presently has 65 per cent Jewish influence and that 90 per cent of all "Jews" in the United States have turned to Communism. He reported also that the FBI was not spending enough time and money on investigation of illegal immigrants and as a result the FBI had turned to prosecution of white citizens rather than their concern for illegal immigration and Communists living in the United States.

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Two copies of an FD-376 are attached.

One copy of the LHM is being disseminated locally to U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham, Alabama.

This LHM is not being classified; however, more than one T symbol is being assigned to [] a high level source in the UKA, for his continued protection. Also, two T symbols are being designated for [] due to information furnished by him and contained in the enclosed LHM which could compromise his identity. b2 b7D

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At Tuscaloosa, Ala.:

Will follow and report activity of ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 20, 1976

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to
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RE: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

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5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

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Very truly yours,


Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Birmingham, Alabama

February 20, 1976

In Reply, Please Refer to
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RE: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Robert Marvin Shelton continues to reside at No. 18, Lake Sherwood, Northport, Alabama.

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B. Employment

Shelton continues to be employed on a full-time basis as Imperial Wizard of United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA).

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A characterization of the UKA appears in the Appendix hereto.

C. Automobiles

1976 Alabama License 63P/2-201 is listed to the Alabama Rescue Service, P. O. Box 2369, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for a 1973 Executive Motor Home, VIN 73S9381D.

1976 Alabama License 63P-201 is listed to the Alabama Rescue Service, P. O. Box 2369, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for a 1974 Ford Pickup, Model F-250, VIN F26YEU60398.

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The Alabama Rescue Service is a cover name for the UKA in the State of Alabama.

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II. CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

Robert Marvin Shelton is currently serving as Imperial Wizard of the UKA, having been elected to a three-year term on September 2, 1973.

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III. ACTIVITIES

The second annual Patriots Leadership Conference (PLC) was held July 4 and 5, 1975, at the Continental Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. Approximately 200 individuals representing most major conservative organizations in the United States were in attendance. The conference was organized and chaired by Robert DePugh, leader of the Minutemen. Present at this conference was Robert Marvin Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA.

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A characterization of the Minutemen appears in the Appendix hereto.

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The July 4, 1975, issue of the "Kansas City Times", a daily Kansas City, Missouri, newspaper, contained, in part, the following article under the heading "DePugh Musters Conservatives":

"Robert Bolivar DePugh, founder of the Minutemen, a right-wing political group, is no longer active in that organization, so he feels free to advise other groups on how to make money.

"Financing groups of the 'Conservative Political Persuasion' will be one of the things DePugh will discuss with leaders of about 100 such organizations at a meeting beginning today at the Continental Hotel.

"The purpose of the meeting is to aim at some kind of cooperative action from the groups which come from every extent of the political spectrum, from the center to the ultra-far-right," DePugh said.

"He said he did not expect any kind of political platform to come out of the session because the groups, coming here at DePugh's invitation, 'vary entirely too much in their views.' He said he plans for the conference to be a working session to discuss tactics of political activity, organizational structure and principles and techniques behind the groups."

Shelton was present at the UKA rally held at Sorrento, Florida, on the evening of July 18, 1975. There were approximately 200 people in attendance. Shelton was also present at a UKA banquet held on the evening of July 19, 1975, at the Orlando UKA Klavern. A state meeting of the UKA Realm of Florida was held at Orlando, Florida, on July 20, 1975, with 75 members present. Also present was Robert Marvin Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA.

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Robert Marvin Shelton, Imperial Wizard of UKA, was present at a rally held at the Goldsboro Klavern, Goldsboro, North Carolina, on the evening of July 26, 1975. Approximately 400 persons were present. including 35 in Klan robes and 8 in security guard uniforms. Shelton was the second speaker and spoke for about 45 minutes on his trip to France, claiming that he was well received in that country. Shelton also stated

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that as a result of integration the high schools are now about equivalent to what the 8th grade was before integration and that the crimes by blacks against whites are on the increase, and he blamed the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW). Shelton stated that what the white race needs is a strong leader who will take over all right-wing organizations and consolidate them into one strong organization.

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Shelton was present at a ^{b7D}-sponsored rally held on Saturday evening, August 9, 1975, on Highway 49, near Macon, Georgia. Approximately 300 people were in attendance at the rally, at the conclusion of which a 25-foot cross was burned while 40 robed Klansmen circled. Shelton spoke for approximately forty minutes talking about the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, stating that the HEW has destroyed local Boards of Education and removed the power of the Parent-Teacher Associations (PTA). Shelton then criticized what is called the myth of federal aid. Shelton stated there is no such thing as federal aid since the money that the Federal Government returns to the state is in fact money that state citizens have already paid to the Federal Government in the form of income tax. Shelton criticized the Food Stamp program, stating that the bulk of food stamps go to Negroes. Shelton also criticized President Gerald R. Ford for importing what he called "182,000 prostitutes and orphans" while our own orphanages are full of white children who go ignored. Shelton then turned his attention to the problem of illegal aliens in the United States. He stated that the Government estimates there are now 14 million illegal aliens in the United States. He also suggested that if the Federal Government had spent one-half the money it has given to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to harass Klan members in the last five years to hire more border patrolmen, there would only be four million illegal aliens. Shelton claimed these aliens are taking jobs that should go to native-born Americans.

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Shelton was present at a UKA rally held near Washin^{b7D}, Mississippi, on the evening of August 29, 1975. Approximately sixty persons were in attendance with the featured speaker being Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of UKA. Shelton spoke for approximately one hour, basing the majority of his comments on school integration and especially the recent tension in the Boston, Massachusetts, school system.

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Shelton was the featured speaker at a UKA rally held August 30, 1975, in a rural area along Loraine Road near Biloxi (Harrison County), Mississippi. There were approximately 400 persons present with about 30 Klansmen dressed in robes, most of whom were carrying weapons. In his speech, Shelton pointed out the need for white Americans to join the UKA and for individuals to back political candidates who would fight against school busing, emphasizing the point that the United States Government was almost completely influenced by individuals with Jewish backgrounds and individuals who were probably communists.

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The UKA sponsored a public rally at DeFuniak Springs, Florida, on the evening of Saturday, September 13, 1975. Prior to the rally, approximately 25 to 50 vehicles gathered at the Wayside Park in Pensacola, Florida, and proceeded in a motorcade through Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; Niceville, Florida; Crestview, Florida; DeFuniak Springs and Bonifay, Florida, and then returned to De Funiak Springs. The rally started at approximately 7:30 p.m. with speeches given by Klan representatives from Florida and Alabama. The featured speaker was Robert M. Shelton. He stated he wants to present facts to the people in an effort to save this Christian nation. Shelton stated that textbooks are controlled by Zionist anti-Christians who use them to brainwash school children. Busing opponents are being harassed by the FBI and other federal agencies on Government orders, and this is destroying public institutions. He stated the trap is Federal aid which the big brother bureaucracy uses to set guidelines in order to gain local acceptance.

According to Shelton, due to Federal interference education is worse now than thirty years ago because the 12th grade learning today is equivalent to the educational level of the 10th grade in 1954. Shelton also indicated that he is not against busing but he does believe in segregation. Shelton also mentioned the illegal immigrant problem, stating that if the United States Government could get rid of these immigrants, the jobs could go to white Americans in the United States. Shelton added that there are over five million Jews in New York City and only three and one-half million in the State of Israel. Shelton continued that less than two percent of the United States population is Jewish, but they hold all the key positions in the United States Government, where they are appointed rather than elected. Shelton stated that communism and Judaism are almost identical and that communism was originated by Jews in order to control and destroy the Christian nations.

This rally was attended by approximately 1500 persons with at least 100 Klansmen dressed in robes.

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A UKA State Meeting, Realm of Alabama, was held in the old Treasury House, Bellingrath Road, Theodore (Mobile County), Alabama, on September 14, 1975. There were approximately 41 Klansmen present including Robert Marvin Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA.

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On Saturday, September 20, 1975, a UKA rally was held at Montross, Virginia, from about noon until 10:30 p.m. This rally was attended by approximately 150 people and the featured speaker was Robert M. Shelton. Shelton spoke mainly about the FBI and its harassment of UKA members.

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A special meeting of the UKA was held in Charleston, West Virginia, on Saturday night, October 11, 1975. This meeting, which was held at the Ramada Inn, was attended by approximately 60 members of the UKA from various southern states. The meeting was held in an effort to organize West Virginia as a realm into the UKA. Present at this meeting was Robert Marvin Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, who talked about his travels overseas and the various countries he visited.

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Robert Marvin Shelton was the featured speaker at a UKA rally held at Alexandria, Louisiana, on Saturday evening, October 18, 1975. Approximately 100 to 125 persons were in attendance and Shelton spoke for about one hour, emphasizing in his remarks the effects of school integration and busing to achieve racial integration. Shelton was very critical of integration and busing and stated the educational system in the United States has gone backwards since the Brown Case of 1954.

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A state rally of the UKA for the Realm of South Carolina was held at Camden, South Carolina, on Saturday, October 25, 1975. The rally started at 8:00 p.m. with between 300 and 400 people in attendance. The featured speaker was Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of UKA. On Sunday, October 26, 1975, the State Meeting of the UKA, Realm of South Carolina, was held at DeBrules Restaurant, Camden, South Carolina. Thirty-two Klansmen were in attendance. Shelton stated the growth of

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the UKA in Florida, Mississippi, and Louisiana was very good and that the growth of the UKA in Kentucky was also progressing at a fast rate. Shelton stated it was necessary for Klansmen and former Klansmen to become rededicated to the UKA and build its membership throughout the United States.

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A UKA rally for the Realm of Kentucky was held on November 1, 1975, on farm property owned by Sherman Adams, Shepherdsville, Kentucky. The featured speaker at this rally and cross burning was Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA. The rally was attended by approximately 1500 to 2,000 individuals and began between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. SHELTON spoke for an hour. The bulk of his speech concerned the busing issue in Kentucky and how busing was only another tool being used by the atheist and communists to mix the races and bring America down. Shelton also attacked the growth of the Federal Government and how the Federal Government and the FBI had attacked the Klan; also, how there was a Jewish conspiracy to take over the world, and that the Jewish conspiracy is the forefront of the communist revolution.

After Shelton's comments, there was a cross burning with the burning of a thirty foot cross.

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A UKA rally was held at Pascagoula, Mississippi, the evening of November 8, 1975, which rally was attended by approximately 1,000 people. Featured speaker was Robert Marvin Shelton who spoke for over an hour and a half. Shelton's comments were anti-Negro in nature.

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A public UKA Klan rally was held at Loughman, Florida, on the evening of December 5, 1975. There were over 200 persons present with the featured speaker being Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA. Shelton told the people present that he had no worries about the black man because they could not do anything on their own; however, he said the Jews are behind everything and that they are the ones creating the problems between the black and white races. Shelton also mentioned the church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama, in which "three" Negro girls were killed. Shelton stated this explosion was really

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caused by a gas leak and that the Federal Government just used this to push integration and civil rights in the South.

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A Christmas banquet was sponsored by UKA in Lakeland, Florida, on December 6, 1975. Present was Robert M. Shelton who made some comments about his formation of the UKA and the progress made during the last few years.

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A State Meeting of the UKA, Realm of Florida, was held at Klavern Unit No. 126, Lakeland, Florida, December 7, 1975. Present for this meeting was Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of UKA, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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Shelton was present at Shepherdsville, Kentucky, December 13, 1975, to attend a State Meeting and election for the Realm of Kentucky. The meeting started at approximately 8:00 p.m., with approximately 50 persons being present. Shelton ratified the election and spoke for several minutes on the need for the UKA to become strong in Kentucky.

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A naturalization ceremony was held at the Lithia Klavern, Atlanta, Georgia, on the evening of January 17, 1976. Present at this ceremony was Robert Marvin Shelton from Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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A UKA-sponsored rally was held at Davie, Florida, on the evening of January 31, 1976. An estimated 400 persons attended this rally and about 20 known Klansmen were also in attendance. The primary speaker was Robert Marvin Shelton, Imperial Wizard of UKA.

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IV. NATIONAL KLONVOCATION

The National Klonvocation of the UKA was held at the Ramada Inn, Lakeland, Florida, commencing August 15, 1975, and ending August 17, 1975. Robert Marvin Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, was present at this meeting; however, he stated the Klonvocation was being organized by the Realm of Florida and he would take it easy during this Klonvocation and let the leadership from Florida run the national meeting. One of the main speakers was Robert DePugh, head of the Minutemen, and it was estimated that approximately 300 delegates attended this Klonvocation.

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APPENDIX

MINUTEMEN

The Minutemen organization was organized in 1960, reportedly to resist the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. Robert B. DePugh, national coordinator of the Minutemen, was sentenced in October, 1970, for violations of the Federal Firearms Act. At the time of his arrest, DePugh was in possession of documents concerned with guerrilla warfare and other paraphernalia, including hand grenades, gun silencers, and a machine gun. DePugh was released on parole during April, 1973, and in June, 1973, indicated he planned to revitalize the Minutemen into a "two-armed organization." Arm number one was to be utilized as a political front organization to sway elections and control local and state political structures. Arm number two was to be an underground guerrilla organization made up of "strike teams." These "strike teams" are to be under direct control of DePugh and their existence is to be unknown to everyone, including Minutemen State Coordinators.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

The United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) was chartered in 1961 at Atlanta, Georgia. It was formed as a result of splits in and consolidation of other Klan groups. In July, 1961, the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Incorporated, merged with the Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization was headed by Robert Shelton. In October, 1961, a majority of the Ku Klux Klan klaverns were merged with the UKA and Robert Shelton continued as the leader.

The UKA is the dominant Klan group in the United States with headquarters located at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Klaverns in various states. Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, continues to be the Imperial Wizard of the organization. The stated aims and purposes of the UKA are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races. Like other Klan organizations, it is anti-Negro, anti-Semitic, and anti-foreign born.

Klan members and leaders have been involved in atrocities including beatings, bombings and murders, and have engaged in activities seeking to deny others their constitutional rights.

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FROM BIRMINGHAM (157-4650) (P)

ROBERT M. SHELTON, AKA, EM - KLAN, CO: BH.

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To: SAC, Kansas City (62-7797)

5/17/76

From: Director, FBI (62-107861)

MINUTEMEN
EXTREMIST MATTER

ReKCAirtel 5/7/76 under above caption.

Review of referenced communication discloses no information indicating the American League for Independent Voter Education (ALIVE) is engaged in any activities which would warrant investigation under the Attorney General's guidelines for domestic security investigations. Based on information furnished, it would appear ALIVE is engaged in legitimate political activities, therefore, no investigation should be conducted nor should you follow the activities of this organization or individuals connected with it.

Bureau files contain no information relating to

ALIVE.

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NOTE:

Kansas City airtel 5/7/76 under Minutemen caption advised "Kansas City Times" newspaper article 5/7/76 reported the formation of a coalition of 65 conservative organizations to oppose President Ford unless he complies with their wishes. The coalition is known as the American League for Independent Voter Education (ALIVE) and organization indicates it will support whomever the Democrats nominate unless President Ford fires Henry Kissinger; reaffirms U. S. sovereignty over the Panama Canal and drops all sanctions against the white minority government of Rhodesia. Robert De Pugh, national coordinator of the Minutemen and Robert Shelton, head of the United Klans of America are members of the ALIVE committee. Kansas City indicated they will continue to follow the activities of ALIVE and Kansas City being instructed as set forth above.

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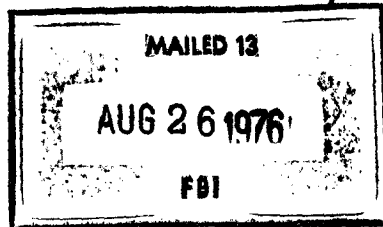
ReBHairtel and LHM 8/18/76.

A review of this matter at FBIHQ reveals that continued full investigation of Shelton is not warranted under the Attorney General Guidelines for Domestic Security Investigations (AGG). Therefore, this matter should be placed in a closed status by your office.

Logical United Klans of America (UKA) sources should be instructed to advise your Division if any information comes to their attention which would indicate subject's activities fall within FBI jurisdiction under criteria set forth in the AGG.

Although your informants should be instructed not to follow or report Shelton's activities on a day-to-day basis, his position as leader of the UKA might obviously create certain situations where his activities are, in fact, the activities of the UKA itself. In these instances, informant coverage and reporting would be justified under the UKA caption.

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Robert M. Shelton is the Imperial Wizard (national leader) of the UKA. He has been the subject of a full investigation for many years and does not warrant continued investigation in light of the Attorney General's Guidelines. The above instructions are necessary to insure that the Birmingham Office handles this matter in line with the AGG.

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Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-552)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-4650) (P)

SUBJECT: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON, aka;
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DATE 6/10/03 BY 60290/BCE/DCS/ymw

Re Birmingham airtel and LHM dated 2/20/76.

Enclosed are six copies of an LHM captioned
and dated as above.

Two copies of FD-376 are also attached.

One copy of enclosed LHM is being disseminated
locally to the U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham, Alabama.

Enclosed LHM is not being classified; however,
more than one T-symbol is being assigned to [redacted] a
high level source in the UKA for his continued protection.

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Sources utilized in enclosed LHM are identified
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AT TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA.

Will follow and report activity of ROBERT MARVIN
SHELTON.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

August 18, 1976

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20223

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. BH 157-4650

RE: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,


Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, Birmingham

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
August 18, 1976

RE: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

I. Background

A. Residence

Robert Marvin Shelton continues to reside at
No. 18, Lake Sherwood, Northport, Alabama.

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B. Employment

Shelton continues to be employed on a full-time
basis as Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America,
Inc, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA).

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A characterization of the UKA appears
in the Appendix hereto.

C. Automobiles

1976 Alabama License 63P/2-201 is listed to the
Alabama Rescue Service, P. O. Box 2369, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for
a 1973 Executive Motor Home, VIN 73S9381D.

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of the FBI. It is the property
of the FBI and is loaned to your
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Sources whose identities are
concealed herein have fur-
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in the past except where
otherwise noted.

RE: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON

1976 Alabama License 63P-201 is listed to the Alabama Rescue Service, P. O. Box 2369, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for a 1974 Ford pickup, Model F-250, VIN F26YEU60398.

Records, Tuscaloosa License
Commissioner's Office,
8/17/76

The Alabama Rescue Service is a cover name for the UKA in the State of Alabama.

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Plymouth Valiant, VIN [redacted]

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1976 Alabama license [redacted] is listed to [redacted]
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Fury III, four-door sedan, VIN PL41F8R186821.

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Records, Tuscaloosa License
Commissioner's Office
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II. CURRENT POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

Robert Marvin Shelton is currently serving as Imperial Wizard of the UKA, having been elected to a three-year term on September 2, 1973.

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III. ACTIVITIES

Robert M. Shelton was present at a UKA State Meeting held February 1, 1976, at Orlando, Florida. Shelton answered questions and stated that he is chartering an average of 5 units a month throughout the various realms of the UKA. Shelton also stated that not enough money has been coming into the Imperial Office so that all printing activities had to be curtailed.

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Robert M. Shelton was present at a UKA State Meeting held February 7, 1976, at Morristown, Tennessee. Shelton spoke for about an hour, praising the new Grand Dragon for the State of Tennessee and indicating the new Grand Dragon would make the realm grow. Shelton also announced a National UKA Rally to be held at Pulaski, Tennessee, during May of 1976. Several new Tennessee units were chartered including a unit at Clarksville, Tennessee, which has as members several military men assigned to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.

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Robert M. Shelton was present at a UKA State Meeting held Sunday, February 21, 1976, at Montgomery, Alabama. Shelton announced his travel schedule through August, 1976, and also stated that he had chartered numerous new Klan units in the State of Kentucky.

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Robert M. Shelton was present at a UKA State Meeting held April 11, 1976, at Richmond, Virginia. Shelton, during his talk, attacked the FBI, stating that the FBI still had informants throughout the UKA and these individuals were searching to find out anything about the personal lives of individual Klansmen so that the organization could be pulled down. Shelton also promoted the May 29, 1976,

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National UKA Rally in Pulaski, Tennessee.

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During the weekend of April 24-25, 1976, Robert M. Shelton was a participant in a "call in" radio show in Lakeland, Florida, and also was the featured speaker at a UKA rally in Leesville, Florida.

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UKA public rallies were held May 20, 1976, at Indiantown, Florida, May 21, 1976, at Palm City, Florida, and on May 22, 1976, at West Palm Beach, Florida. Featured as the main speaker at all three of these rallies was Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA. The only large turnout occurred at the West Palm Beach, Florida rally which was held on May 22, 1976.

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A National Rally of the UKA was held near Pulaski, Tennessee, on Saturday evening, May 29, 1976. This rally was attended by approximately 2,500 individuals with between 500 to 1,000 Klansmen being in attendance. One hundred of these Klansmen were in robes surrounding a cross during the rally. It was estimated that the rally had representatives from 20 to 23 states and 15 Grand Dragons from various states were introduced and read portions of Klan resolutions out of a Klan book. The featured speaker was Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton, who praised the history of the Klan in the United States. At the conclusion of the rally, a large cross was burned.

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A UKA sponsored rally was held on June 6, 1976, near Canton, Georgia, at the old Canton International Raceway. The featured speaker was Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the UKA, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Shelton spoke for approximately 45 minutes during which time he attacked the Federal Government, school integration, the Jewish conspiracy, illegal immigrants, unemployment and

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welfare handouts, the national budget, school busing and other related topics. The rally ended with a cross-burning.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-552)

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (157-4650) (C)

SUBJECT: ROBERT MARVIN SHELTON
EM - KLAN

DATE: 8-30-76

ReBulet to Birmingham, 8/27/76.

For the information of offices receiving this communication, referenced letter advised as follows:

Review of the investigation concerning SHELTON reveals that continued full investigation of subject is not warranted under the Attorney General Guidelines for Domestic Security Investigations (AGG). Logical United Klans of America (UKA) sources should be instructed to advise if any information comes to their attention which would indicate subject's activities fall within criteria set forth in the AAG.

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Although SHELTON's routine activities should not be reported on a day-to-day basis by informants, his position as leader of the UKA may obviously create certain situations where his activities are, in fact, the activities of the UKA itself. In the latter instances, informant coverage and reporting would be justified under the UKA caption.

It is noted that a full investigation of the UKA has been authorized by the Department of Justice, and Bureau policy for this investigation will be furnished pertinent offices by FBIHQ in the near future.

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